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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A tangible recording medium on which still picture information is recorded for reproduction on one or more output devices, the recording medium comprising:

stream files including still pictures;

play list files which order still pictures and background music (BGM) to be played; and

play list marks that correspond to the still pictures;

wherein:

each of said play list files has one or more play items and one or more sub play items,

each of said play items corresponds to one or more still pictures,

each of said play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time and for the still picture, end information indicating a presentation end time for a still picture, and ~~each of said play items indicates a presentation time of the still picture,~~

each of said sub play items corresponds to a BGM, each of said sub play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time for the BGM,

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end information indicating a presentation end time for the BGM, and a presentation time of the BGM.

each play list mark is associated with only one corresponding still picture, and

the still picture is pictures of the play items and BGM of the sub play items are independently reproduced on the one or more output devices.

12. (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to claim 11, wherein said start information is in the format of IN_time and said end information is in the format of OUT_time.

13. (Currently Amended) A tangible recording medium on which still picture information is recordable for reproduction on one or more output devices, the recording medium comprising:

stream files including still pictures;

play list files which order still pictures and background music (BMG) to be played; and

play list marks that correspond to the still pictures;

wherein:

each of said play list files has one or more play items and one or more sub play items,

each of said play items corresponds to one or more still pictures, each of said play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time and for the still picture, end information indicating a presentation end time for a still picture, and ~~each of said play items indicates a presentation time of the still picture,~~

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each of said sub play items corresponds to a BGM, each of said sub play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time for the BGM, end information indicating a presentation end time for the BGM, and a presentation time of the BGM.

each play list mark is associated with one corresponding play item and one still picture included in the corresponding play item, and

the still picture is pictures of the play items and BGM of the sub play items are independently reproduced on the one or more output devices.

14. (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to claim 13, wherein said start information is in the format of IN_time and said end information is in the format of OUT_time.

15. (Currently Amended) An information reproducing method for reproducing still picture information from a recording medium on which is recorded stream files including still pictures, play list files which order still pictures and background music (BGM) to be played, play list marks that correspond to the still pictures, wherein each of said play list files has one or more play items and one or more sub play items, each of said play items corresponding to one or more still pictures, ~~each of said play items including and includes~~ start information, indicating a presentation start time and end information, indicating a presentation end time for a still picture, and each of said sub play items corresponds to a BGM and includes start information, end information, and presentation time for the BGM, and wherein each play list mark is associated with only one corresponding still picture and with only one corresponding play list, said information reproducing method comprising the steps:

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detecting said start information and said end information; ~~and~~
controlling said presentation time of said still pictures in accordance with said
detected start information and end information; and
independently reproducing the still pictures of the play items and BGM of the
sub play items on one or more output devices.

16. (Previously Presented) The information reproducing method according to
claim 15, wherein said start information is in the format of IN_time and said end
information is in the format of OUT_time.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A tangible recording medium on which still picture
information is recorded for reproduction on one or more output devices, the
recording medium comprising:

stream files including still pictures;

play list files which order still pictures and background music (BGM) to be
played; and

play list marks that correspond to the still pictures;

wherein:

each of said play list files has one or more play items and one or more
sub play items,

each of said play items corresponds to one still picture, each of said
play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time ~~and for the~~

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still picture, end information indicating a presentation end time for the still picture,
and ~~each of said play items indicates a presentation time of the still picture,~~

each of said sub play items corresponds to a BGM, each of said sub
play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time for the BGM,
end information indicating a presentation end time for the BGM, and a presentation
time of the BGM.

each play list mark is associated with only one corresponding still
picture, and

the still picture is pictures of the play items and BGM of the sub play
items are independently reproduced on the one or more output devices.

20. (New) A tangible recording medium on which still picture information is
recorded for reproduction on one or more output devices, the recording medium
comprising:

stream files including still pictures;

play list files that order still pictures and background music (BGM) to be
played; and

play list marks that correspond to the still pictures;

wherein:

each of said play list files has one or more play items, one or more sub
play items, and flag for type of presentation indicates playing with said sub play item
as BGM or not,

each of said play items correspond to one or more still pictures, each of
said play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time and end

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information indicating a presentation end time for a still picture, and each of said play items indicates a presentation time of the still picture,

each of said sub play items correspond to a BGM, each of said sub play items includes start information indicating a presentation start time and end information indicating a presentation end time for the BGM, and each of said sub play items indicates a presentation time of the BGM,

each play list mark is associated with only one of corresponding still picture, and

the still pictures of the play items is are independently reproduced while the BGM of the sub play item is reproduced on the one or more output device when the flag for type of presentation indicates playing with sub play item.

21. (New) The information reproducing method according to claim 15, further comprising a step of:

independently repeating reproduction of the BGM of the sub play items, if there are additional still pictures of the play items to be reproduced.

22. (New) The information reproducing method according to claim 15, further comprising a step of:

playing one of a subsequent and last play list file on the recording medium.